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Warsaw

1. In mid-September 1950 the Polish Ministry of National Defense was located in a newly constructed building on Aleja Stalina, formerly Aleja Ujazdowska. (1)
2. A KBW unit of regimental strength was quartered in the barracks installation on ul. Pulawska and ul. Rakowiecka. The individual barracks buildings were heavily occupied. (2)
3. A KBW unit and a Szwolezerow (Chevaux legers - light cavalry) company were quartered in the barracks installation on the south side of ul. Szwolezerow. A soldier of this company stated that there were a total of three Szwolezerow companies in Poland for tradition's sake alone. (3)
4. A guard detachment was the only unit located at the barracks installation on ul. Jagiellonska. Prior to 1939, the 21st Inf Regt had been located there. The local population knew that the unit from the barracks, probably infantry, was away for maneuvers. (4)
5. The Polish troops stationed at the citadel on the western bank of the Vistula River were also away from the post.
6. A Polish infantry unit was located in a cantonment in a woods near Wesola (R 53/L 19). A school for political officers was also located at this locality. (5)

Modlin

7. According to local residents, a tank unit and a tank officer school were located in Modlin (R 53/K 71) in mid-September 1950. (6)

Poznan

8. A tank officer school of about 800 men was located in the barracks installation on ul. Golecińska, Poznan (P 53/X 26), in early September 1950. Commandant of this school was Colonel Zymierski, (fmu). Twenty tanks, about half

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of them of type T-34, were counted near the gate of the installation. Those tanks which were not of T-34 type had a strikingly high superstructure at the front. All of the tanks had the right-hand sides of their turrets marked with the Polish eagle [redacted] seen. (7)

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9. Another barracks installation was noticed on the south side of ul. Grunwaldzka. The barracks area was bordered by ul. Wojskowa and ul. Wyspianskiego. The installation is known as that of the former Uhlan Regt, the 7th Rifle Regt and the 1st Tank Regt. Some of the buildings of the barracks installation were destroyed. Repair work was observed. Elements of a Polish infantry regiment, probably a battalion; a KBW unit, probably a battalion; and units of the militia and the labor service were located in the installation. (8)
10. The barracks installation bordered by ul. Swierczewskiego, ul. Rolna, ul. Szylinska and ul. Grunwaldzka quartered elements of the infantry regiment stationed in Poznan, believed to be a battalion.
11. Elements of the same regiment were located in the barracks on ul. Taberowa and ul. Fromonista. (8)
12. The barracks installation bordered by ul. Rolna, ul. Saperska and ul. Wzpolna was occupied to capacity by an AAA unit, believed to be a regiment. A heavy AA gun was in front of the monument in the barracks yard. The installation comprised three three-story buildings, each of them about 50 meters long, and six smaller two-story buildings. (9)
13. The barracks located on ul. Solna and ul. Babinskiego, formerly occupied by the 14th Arty Regt, was unoccupied and heavily damaged.
14. The Biedrusko (P 53/X 27) troop training grounds, located north of Poznan and west of the Boleschowo (P 53/X 27) railroad station, was being used and was off-limits to civilians.

Bydgoszcz.

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15. [redacted] the headquarters of the Military District was moved from Bydgoszcz (P 54/J 09) to Torun (Q 54/J 39) in early 1950. (10)
16. In mid-September 1950 an infantry unit [redacted] was 25X1 located in the barracks installation in that northern city sector bounded by ul. Maja, ul. Polnocna, ul. Zaswiat and ul. Artyleryska. A KBW unit, presumably a battalion, was quartered in the barracks buildings located north of ul. Polnocha. A kommandatura was located on the eastern side of ul. 1 Maja, in the former German office: candidate school. The infantry barracks was only lightly occupied during the reported period. (11)
17. An air force officer school was located in the barracks installation on ul. Szubinska, in the southwestern city sector.

Torun.

18. A Polish artillery unit was located in the barracks installation near the main railroad station in mid-September 1950. From the number of soldiers seen in the streets of the city it appeared that Torun was more heavily occupied than was Bydgoszcz. A much greater number of officers was observed in Torun. (12)

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19. [redacted] officer candidates had to address their applications to the military district headquarters in Torun.

Oppeln.

20. An informant from Hirschberg (O 51/C 68) reported that both Polish and Soviet

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tank units were stationed in Oppeln (P 51/J 17) in mid-September 1950. (13)

Partisan Activities.

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25X1 [redacted] partisan groups were still operating in the forests around Bialystok (S 54/G 49), Kielce (R 51/U 73) and Lublin (S 52 R 18) in late September 1950. Their activities were restricted to raids on trains and convoys to replenish their supplies of food and weapons. In remote districts, members of the militia and the state security police were attacked. The prison in Siedlce (R 53/L 88) was raided in late August 1950 and political prisoners were liberated. (1h)

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Comments.

(1) [redacted] the Ministry of National Defense was located in a large new building on Koszykowa and Niepodlegosci Streets. [redacted]. The building on Aleja Stalina mentioned in the present report probably houses departments of this ministry.

(2) The Hq KEW and a KEW guard regiment are believed to be located at this barracks installation.

(3) The KEW Barracks near Belvedere Park is concerned. A KEW guard unit was known to be located at this installation. [redacted]. The Polish cavalry was almost completely deactivated in 1947, and this is confirmed by this item of information.

(4) This barracks installation, which is located in Praga, is believed to be occupied by an infantry regiment of the 1st Inf Div. This unit concerned was probably engaged in maneuvers.

(5) Wesola is at the troop training grounds of Rembertow, just east of Warsaw. A political training center was located there as early as 1947.

(6) Modlin has long been known to be a garrison of Polish tank troops. The 3d Tank Tng Regt was reportedly observed there in 1947. There are several indications that a tank unit was located there. [redacted]. The presence of this unit was confirmed up to September 1950 by the present report. The tank officer school in Modlin was also previously known.

(7) A tank officers school whose commandant is Colonel Zymierski, (fmu), was reportedly located at this barracks installation.

(8) Infantry units of the 5th Inf Div, presumably elements of the 13th and 15th Inf Regts, and KEW units, probably elements of the 10th KEW Regt, were located in the three barracks installations concerned.

(9) The 86th AAA Regt of the 3d ID is believed to be located at this installation.

(10) The Hq 2nd ID was known to be located in Bydgoszcz. It was last confirmed there in early 1949. [redacted]. Its transfer to Torun is believed possible since Bydgoszcz has been only lightly occupied so far. However, this move requires confirmation.

(11) Elements of the 9th KEW Regt are believed to be stationed in Bydgoszcz.

(12) Torun is known to be heavily occupied by artillery units. Elements of the 13th Arty Brig and an artillery officer school are located there.

(13) The 6th Tank Regt is believed to be stationed in Oppeln.

(14) The picture of partisan activities in Poland as it has been obtained to date indicates that only small independent groups are operating there. The partisan groups have a predominantly criminal character.

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